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The delivery in late January consisted of about 2,000 weapons--rifles, machine guns, mortars--and ammunition valued at approximately \$1.5 million. President Makarios apparently intends to distribute the weapons to a special force that he plans to use against any armed violence by groups loyal to retired Greek General Grivas. Grivas has increased his activities against the Nicosia government in the past month; at least nine Greek Cypriots reported to be Grivas' men were arrested recently near the area where the weapons are stored.

Both Greece and Turkey have strongly protested the introduction of weapons into Cyprus at this time. Because of the origin of the arms, Athens suspects that they will be given to the Communists on the island rather than to the Greek-controlled National Guard. The Turks, on the other hand, fear that the weapons eventually could be turned against Turkish Cypriots. Turkish Foreign Minister Bayulken confidentially told the US ambassador in Ankara that an arms shipment to the Turkish Cypriots may be under consideration, a move that might easily be taken during the upcoming rotation of the Turkish mainland contingent in Cyprus.

The Turks, apparently before they learned of the delivery of the Czech arms, had reached an agreement with a representative of the UN Secretariat to begin five-party intercommunal talks on the island. Bayulken has stated that the overriding concern of the Turkish military at present is with the arms delivery, but he remains hopeful that this development will not harm the chances for convening the talks before the end of this month.

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